



May 26, 2011

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, District of Columbia
20554

RE: The 11-65 proceeding on AT&T's application to merge with T-Mobile USA

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

In the 1920s, leaders of North Dakota realized that the state needed more settlers as well as tourists. Out of that need grew the organization now known as the North Dakota Chamber of Commerce. Today, nearly 1,100 businesses are partners with us, sharing a commitment to improving the state's economic and business climate.

As we support pro-business legislation and public policies, we believe that our government should encourage private investment in this country and its infrastructures. Therefore, I am writing you today to urge your support for the merger between AT&T and T-Mobile.

This merger will be beneficial for business because the combining of the two companies' resources and networks will allow them to quickly bring the next generation of wireless service to North Dakota. The company has said that with the merger and \$8 billion in additional investment, it will reach 97 percent or more of Americans with this service within the next few years.

Private investments like this are what the country needs right now to lift us from the economic recession and to create new jobs. Investing in an expansive wireless infrastructure will also help more businesses improve by expanding access and utilization of wireless applications. That is particularly important in less populated states like North Dakota, where we need to reach far and wide in order to build customer bases. Having full Internet availability, including data and video, from virtually anywhere opens new channels.

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The merger between these two companies will be a good thing for the business climate our state and our country. We ask that you please give your support and help businesses survive and grow.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andy Peterson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Andy Peterson
President & CEO

CC:

Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker